Missing date of birth records of senior army officers

1275. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some senior most officers waiting for promotion for top slots in the army who have no record of their date of birth;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the number of such officers in the army;

(c) how did this lapse occur; and

(d) how this is proposed to be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) All officers of the Indian Army have a recorded date of birth which is maintained by Military Secretary's Branch of Army Headquarters. Hence, there are no such officers who have no record of their date of birth.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Funds awarded by States to brave military officers

†1276. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all States do not provide the funds uniformly to the brave military officers and soldiers who render exemplary national service by risking their lives in battle field and in taking on the elements who disturb peace in the country; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) why the Government is not communicating with State Government's to bring uniformity in this regard;

(c) by when the Central Government will increase the award money for its brave soldiers keeping in view the rising prices; and

(d) what incentives Central Government are giving at present; and whether they are also given promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (d) The gallantry awards are given by the Central Government and the awardees are paid monthly allowances and certain other benefits at uniform rates by the Government of India. The monetary benefits and incentives extended by the Central Government are given in the enclosed Statement, (*See* below). Further, in the matter of promotions above the Rank of Lt. Col. or equivalent, weightage, *inter-alia* is also given to gallantry awards won by the officer. The State Governments also extend certain monetary and other benefits to the awardees, which vary from State to State. Grant of these benefits bring the prerogative of the State Government, it is not possible for the Central Government to ensure uniformity in this regard across States.

(c) Regarding increase in the monetary allowance attached with gallantry awards, the same has been revised from time to time. It may not be feasible to prescribe any time frame for the next revision.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

Incentives and monetary benefits being given by the Central Government to brave military officers

The present monthly monetary allowances of various awards are as under:—

(a)	PVC	-	Rs. 1,500/-
(b)	AC	-	Rs. 1,400/-
(c)	MVC	-	Rs. 1,200/-
(d)	KC	-	Rs. 1,050/-
(e)	VrC	-	Rs. 850/-
(f)	SC	-	Rs. 750/-
(g)	SM(G)	-	Rs. 250/-

2.Tax exemption to winners of Chakra series Awardees and Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry only).

3.Rent Free telephone facility including full concession in installation charges to Chakra series Gallantry Awardees.

4.Issue of 1st Class/AC 2 Tier Complimentary Card Passes with a companion to recipients of PVC, MVC. VrC in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Expresses.

5.Winners of AC/KC/SC awards are entitled to I Class/AC 2 Tier of any train other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Expresses.

6.75% discount from Indian Airliens of normal economy class INR Fare to ex-Armed Forces Personnel recipients of PVC, AC, MVC and KC.

Assessment of utility of fighter aircrafts

1277. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fat that fighter aircrafts of military are meeting with accidents during the training in the country;

(b) if so, whether their utility is assessed before they are made to fly; and

(c) if not, whether Government would assess the utility of these aircrafts so that loss of national property could be avoided?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. A few accidents have taken place during the training.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Defence Forces to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Meassures to enhance the quality of training to improv the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgment and situational awareness of the pilots ar